Korean offer for Oil exploration

297. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the daily "The Economic Times" dated 5th November, 1990 under the caption "Hyundai outsmarts ONGC" to the effect that the Neelam Oilfield, the second biggest oilfield after Bombay High has suffered a set-back in view of ONGC not seeking extension of the validity of the Korean offer resulting in additional expenditure of Rs. 100 crores in foreign exchange; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes Sir. However, it is not correct that Neelam Oilfield has suffered a set back in view of ONGC not seeking extension of the validity of Korean offer resulting in additional expenditure of Rs. 100 crores in foreign exchange. In fact, ONGC has been seeking extension of validity of the offer of M|s. Hyundai Heavy Industries well in time. While agreeing to extend the validity beyond 31-7-1990, M|s. Hyundai Heavy Industries had indicated certain cost escalation.

(b) A decision on this tender would be taken after the Neelam Oilfield Development Project is finally approved by the Government.

Loss of academic days due to students" agitation in Delhi

298. CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many days of the current academic year had been lost by the student community in Delhi Colleges due to their recent agitation on reservation issue;

(b) whether Government propose to compensate the students by allowing more time to complete the year's academic work; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, there was some loss of studies in the first term to the student community in Delhi Colleges due to recent agitation on reservation issue. The quantum of loss of teaching days, however, varied from College to College depending upon the local conditions operating in a particular institution.

(b) and (c) The Academic Council of the University, in its meeting held on 22nd November, 1990, took certain decisions to see that the students do not in any way suffer because of the loss of teaching days. The Council decided to make up the loss of teaching days by arranging additional teaching on week days|off days by the Department|Colleges concerned. The University|Departments were also asked to consider, depending on their assessment of teaching time lost|required, especially for semester course, to vary the period of the winter break.

Shortage of petroleum products in the country

299. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEV SHANKER DAVE:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of petroleum products like LPG|Petrol|Diesel etc. in Delhi|UP|Gujarat and other parts of the country since the last 4-5 months;

(b) If so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in this regard?

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Reports of shortages of LPG|Petrol|Diesel etc. in Delhi|UP/ Gujarat and other parts of the country have been received in the last 3-4 months.

(b) Shortages have arisen partly on account of law and order situations which have hampered movement of petroleum products and partly due to restrictions in supplies which have been introduced to curb the consumption of petroleum products.

(c) In respect of LPG, bottling plants have been working on extended hours and holidays to increase production of filled cylinders. Arrangements have been made for priority supplies of diesel for movement of LPG trucks and addl. bulk|tank lorries have been pressed into service. The availability position has improved from Dec. 1990 as a result of these steps.

The cuts imposed on release of HSD and MS through retail outlets have been withdrawn from November 26, 1990 and November 7, 1990 respectively. HSD releases through retail outlets are now being made at the same level as in the corresponding period of the previous year, while M/s releases are being made by providing a growth of 4 per cent over releases in the previous year.

The availability position has improved as a result of these steps.

Decline in the production of crude oil

300. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of crude oil produced in the country during the last 5 years year-wise;

(b) whether there has been steady decrease in production; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps Government are taking to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) The quantity of crude oil produced in the country during last five years year-wise is given below:

Year	Qty. (Million Tonnes)
1985-86	30.17
1986-87	30.48
1987-88	30.36
1988-89	32.04
1989-90	34.09

(b) As can be seen from the figures above, there has not been any steady decrease in production.

(c) Does not arise.

Losses incurred by Vayudoot

301. SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the accumulated losses of Vayudoot as on data;

(b) what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to discontinue all financial assistance to Vayudoot; and

(d) whether Government are also considering winding up this feeder air lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) Since its inception in 1981, the accumulated losses of Vayudoot until now (December, 1990) are estimated to be about Rs.